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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner and rely on broadband connection to the internet through my service provider, sonic.net.

Prior to signing up with sonic.net, I had the service from Comcast. I never had a reliable service from Comcast, and their business practice was unable to solve the issues for my intermittent problems.

Sonic.net service has been exemplary and has been a solid foundation on which my business runs. A competitive provider such as sonic.net is essential to the vibrancy of our economy and the livelihood of small businesses like mine.

There is a place for larger providers like Comcast and AT&T, but typically they will serve large businesses, I presume. The needs of small businesses like mine are invariably not served well by these larger providers.

We need to preserve competition among internet service providers and only FCC can assure that. Hence I request you to maintain the competitive service landscape that exists today.

Thank you.

Venkat Raman